Helping People Exit Homelessness in 2020

Last month, we reported that a record 140 people exited homelessness in San Francisco in March, which we believe represents a record number of people securing housing since the Department of Homelessness started publishing this data.

This month, there is more good news to report: In April 2020, 93 people exited homelessness in San Francisco, bringing the total housed since January to 450 people.

WHO IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN SF?
On any given night, more than 8,000 San Franciscans experience homelessness — nearly 40% of whom face chronic homelessness.

Black and LGBTQ+ neighbors are disproportionately at risk of experiencing homelessness.

People housed refers to people who move into both existing and newly-created supportive housing.

Chronic homelessness means that an individual has a disabling condition and has been homeless for at least 1 year or has experienced 4 or more periods of homelessness in the last 3 years.
Speeding Up the Process

While COVID-19 has created unprecedented challenges to our homelessness response system, particularly our emergency shelters, it has spurred some policy changes that have allowed the City to move more quickly to secure housing.

These changes have resulted in a significant reduction in the time it takes to move someone from a shelter or navigation center into permanent housing. We are working to ensure that these policy shifts are made permanent so that even after the pandemic recedes, we can continue to house people at a faster rate.

Permanent Supportive Homes in April 2020

NEW POLICIES

- The Housing Authority now allows housing service providers to inspect housing units themselves.
- The Federal Department of Housing has relaxed the rules on tenant briefings, allowing tenants to access information on-line.

NEW HOMES SECURED

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The City is currently forecast to build or master lease at least 1,100 permanent supportive homes by 2022.

84 people who exited homelessness in April were housed in the City's existing supportive housing stock. 9 people were housed in previously vacant units through the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool and 16 new people were housed in master leased units. City officials are actively considering whether they will be able to convert some of the hotels that are being used as Shelter-in-Place sites into permanent housing.

It is critical that we use every available tool to ensure that any person who temporarily exits homelessness into a hotel because of COVID-19 has a permanent home available to move into when the public health order is lifted.”

— CHRIS BLOCK
Director, Chronic Homelessness Initiative, Tipping Point Community

Master Leasing involves the City leasing blocks of rooms or entire residential hotels, and then making them available for people exiting homelessness.

The Flex Pool is a supplemental strategy that secures private market homes for people to exit homelessness by establishing relationships with landlords and providing tenants with rental subsidies and supportive services to help them stay housed for the long term.